

Amendments to House Bill No. 372
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Requested by Representative Ted Washburn

For the House Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee

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1. Page 3, line 9 through page 4, line 19.

Strike: section 2 in its entirety

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 2. Nonresident elk and deer license and permit preference point system. (1) The department shall establish a preference point system to distribute Class B-10 nonresident big game combination licenses, Class B-11 nonresident deer combination licenses, and any applicable elk or deer permits of a single class or type.

(2) In addition to payment of any fees established in 87-2-113, 87-2-505, and 87-2-510, nonresidents applying to purchase a Class B-10 or Class B-11 license may purchase a preference point, upon payment of a nonrefundable \$50 fee, that gives an applicant who has more preference points priority to receive a Class B-10 or Class B-11 license and any applicable elk or deer permits over an applicant who has purchased fewer preference points.

(3) An applicant may:

(a) purchase only one preference point per license year; and

(b) purchase a preference point without applying for a Class B-10 or Class B-11 license. An applicant not applying for a Class B-10 or Class B-11 license may purchase a preference point only between July 1 and September 30 prior to the applicable license year. The department shall delete an applicant's accumulated preference points if the applicant does not apply for a Class B-10 or Class B-11 license for 2 consecutive years.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (3)(b), the department may not delete an applicant's accumulated preference points unless the applicant is successful in the applicant's first choice hunting district, in which case the department shall delete the applicant's accumulated preference points.

(5) The department shall issue 75% of the Class B-10 and Class B-11 licenses made available for purchase pursuant to 87-2-505 and 87-2-510 by drawings in which the licenses are awarded to applicants in the order of which applicants have purchased the greatest number of preference points. If the number of licenses to be issued under this subsection exceeds the number of applicants who have purchased preference points, the remaining licenses must be added to the licenses issued pursuant to subsection (6).

(6) The department shall issue 25% of the Class B-10 and Class B-11 licenses made available for purchase pursuant to 87-2-

505 and 87-2-510 by drawings in which the licenses are awarded to applicants who have not purchased any preference points.

(7) For the purposes of this section and to meet the intent of 87-2-506, the department may issue a number of special elk or deer permits to nonresidents in an administrative region, hunting district, or other designated area that is equivalent to 10% of the final quota of special permits set by the commission for the same administrative region, hunting district, or other designated area in the previous license year.

(8) Up to six applicants may apply as a party under this section. The department shall use an average of the number of preference points accumulated by those applicants to determine their priority in receiving licenses issued pursuant to subsection (5). The department shall consider any fraction that results from the calculation of an average when determining that priority."

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